

February 26, 2003

**Public Notice for 401 Certification**  
**Colgan Village Subdivision Project, WDID No. 1B02187WNSO**  
Sonoma County

On November 19, 2002, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from the owner Charlie Traboulsi requesting Federal Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification for the Colgan Village Subdivision Project in Sonoma County. The fee for this application is pending, therefore the application has not deemed complete. The proposed project causes disturbances to waters of the United States associated with Colgan Creek Flood Control Channel Hydrologic Unit No.114.21.

The proposed project is located on an 8 acre site (one legal parcel) in southwest Santa Rosa, at the corner of Bellevue Avenue and Dutton Meadow Drive (NW quadrant), Sonoma County, California.

The proposed project consists of the construction of a typical urban residential development of 54 lots on 5.3 acres. All on-site runoff will be collected and piped a short distance to the south into Colgan Flood Channel. Drainage in this general area naturally moves from northeast to southwest, but the natural pattern has been completely fragmented by the numerous roads and ditches, developments, and flood channels. Virtually the entire landscape upslope has already been subjected to runoff collection (ditches, etc.) that goes to the flood control channel nearby. There are no significant water bodies or wetlands immediately upstream or down, although there are similar small seasonal wetlands on two adjoining parcels to the north and west and the Colgan Creek runs parallel to the site (between the site and Bellevue Avenue). Wetland habitat is present on the site which drain directly into Colgan Creek. No drainage course will be affected therefore no Streambed Alteration Agreement with the California Department of Fish and Game is required.

The total area of wetlands to be permanently filled is approximately 0.62 acres. The wetland habitat consists of several shallow swale features with topography that collects and retains sufficient soil saturation and/or shallow ponding to qualify as "wetland" subject to Corps of Engineers jurisdiction. A Mitigation and Monitoring Proposal has been developed to offset the impacts to wetlands.

Compensatory mitigation for this project will be attained through the form of 1:1 wetland replacement in the form of shallow, herbaceous, seasonal wetlands, and 1:1 wetland preservation in the form of high quality wetland habitat, both at the approved Hale Mitigation Bank. Non-compensatory mitigation measures include minimum use of soil importation, and the use of erosion control Best Management Practices (BMPs).

Post-construction storm water treatment controls will be incorporated into the development project in order to decrease potential detrimental impacts associated with storm water runoff from the developed site. Specific post-construction storm water BMPs will be incorporated into the final project design to achieve treatment of the storm water runoff.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is currently being prepared by. The City of Santa Rosa, the lead agency responsible for CEQA review.

The nearest receiving water is Colgan Creek Channel located in Hydrologic Unit No. 114.21 Laguna HSA.

The Colgan Village subdivision project is scheduled to begin construction in 2003. Staff is proposing to regulate this project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341). In addition, staff will consider all comments received during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this letter. If you have any questions or comments, please contact staff member Andrew Jensen at (707) 576-2683, or at [jensa@rb1.swrcb.ca.gov](mailto:jensa@rb1.swrcb.ca.gov) within 21 days of the posting of this notice.